

St. Gregory the Great Catholic Church

BLUFFTON, SOUTH CAROLINA



OUR HISTORY

In 1868, Eustace Pinckney, a Catholic and descendant of Founding Father Charles Pinckney, moved from Walterboro to Bluffton. At the time, his family was the only Catholic family in the area. Soon after moving, Pinckney designed and built a chapel where occasional Masses were held until April 1932, when St. Andrew's chapel was constructed in its place and given canonical status.

In the 1990s, the once dormant Bluffton area began to witness a commercial and residential building boom. In order to accommodate the growing number of Catholics in the area, the parish acquired a sixty-three-acre site to build a new parish campus. In 2000, St. Andrew received the status of chapel and the parish name was changed to St. Gregory the Great. In the past two decades, the parish has founded a grade school and has built a new Parish Life Center.

The Holy Spirit continues to guide us as we grow in size and faith as a community of Catholics committed to living out the Good News.

OUR VISION

Saint Gregory the Great Catholic parish will be a beacon of Catholicity, recognized as a large, welcoming and effective faith community serving the Lowcountry of South Carolina.

Inspired by the majesty of the Mass and sustained by the power of the Holy Spirit and the sacraments, we will use our gifts of time, talent, and treasure to provide the services and ministries necessary to promote the Catholic faith through our commitment to educate the young, meet the spiritual and material needs of all God's children, and glorify the Lord by our Christian example.

While the heart of a parish is the Eucharist, the parish family is the body that makes it a unique and vibrant community. We have several plans to further improve our parish and the environment it provides to our families. The *Bicentennial Campaign* provides a tremendous opportunity for our parish to come together in the Diocese of Charleston family and continue to improve our place of worship.





OUR CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

As the Diocese prepares to celebrate 200 years of prosperity in 2020, it is embarking on an unprecedented, comprehensive campaign, the *Bicentennial Campaign*, to fulfill its mission in the communities it serves.

The *Bicentennial Campaign* is an extraordinary effort designed to strengthen our existing Diocesan programs, parishes, and missions, while taking strides toward sustaining our Diocese into the next century. Bishop Guglielmone is dedicated to strengthening parish communities and ensuring the continued formation of our Catholic family and ministry to all South Carolinians.

Funds raised through the *Bicentennial Campaign* will be split 50% to our parish and 50% to the Diocese up until our Diocesan-assigned target. Every dollar raised between the target and 125% of the target will be split 75% to our parish, 25% to the Diocese. If we exceed our target by more than 125%, all additional funds raised will come back to the parish.



OUR NEEDS

Our parish campaign goal is \$3,000,000, which exceeds our Diocesan-assigned target of \$2,150,000, and will provide us funding for the following projects:

School Expansion – Renovation of the second floor of the school building for Fine Arts, small classrooms, and special education. All funds raised above the parish goal will be used to expand our Pre-K program.

Funding the Second Floor of the Parish Life Center – During the construction of the Parish Life Center, it became clear that continuing with the second floor would produce significant savings to the Parish. Funds raised through the campaign will allow us to pay off the balance of this addition.

Upgrades to the Church – Our Church building is twenty years old and significant components need to be replaced. Funds will cover replacement of the existing roof, replacement of HVAC units, pew refinishing, and enlargement of the Adoration Chapel.

Parish Enhancements – Some roads and parking lots at St. Gregory the Great need to be paved and St. Andrew Chapel is in need of some repairs.



“Each one must do just as he has purposed in his heart, not grudgingly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.” – 2 Corinthians 9:7